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"Weasel Creek Closure "

Hamilton, Montana, July 16, 2007 — Acting Forest Supervisor Barry Paulson has closed an area along Weasel Creek road to mineral exploration and crystal digging due to extensive digging on steep slopes and damage to vegetation. Within the closed area access will be allowed only on the Weasel Creek road or trail. The closed area is located on the Darby Ranger District in the Weasel Creek drainage approximately 20 miles northeast of Darby.

The closure will be in effect until claim issues are resolved and rehabilitation is complete.

For more information, call Betsy Ballard at 777-7421 or Chuck Oliver at 821-3913.